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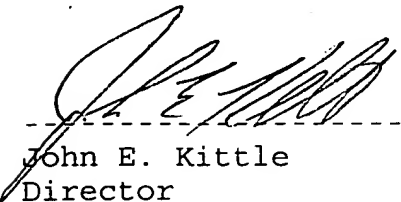
In re Application of :
John Baker et al :
Serial No.: 09/786,398 : DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: September 20, 2001 :

This is in response to applicants' petition filed May 2, 2001, to make the above-identified application special under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.102(c), based on the merits as it relates HIV/AIDS.

Applicant has satisfied the provisions set forth in M.P.E.P. 708.02, X. Therefore the petition is GRANTED.

The application will be forwarded to the examiner for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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